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I do not believe that the proposed Final Judgement (<http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/trial/nov01/11-02settlement.asp>) serves the public interest. Section J.1. is of particular concern, since it could be used to limit the usefulness of non-Microsoft middleware, applications, or even other computers trying to interact with these sections of API or Communications Protocols, and help ensure that Microsoft can continue to extend its monopoly on such products by keeping this information secret. Since none of the listed items benefit significantly from secrecy (good security is difficult to break even with full disclosure), I believe that these should be made available to allow fair competition in the future, with the single exception of individual keys for Microsoft Middleware for the purpose of protecting their identity.

I also note a distinct lack of any penalty for Microsoft's past actions that made them an illegal monopoly. I believe that some form of remedy should be used, to reduce the chance that Microsoft or another corporation attempts to use similar practices in the future. As a split of the company has been rejected, I'd recommend a monetary remedy.

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